

Supporting Information for:

Molecular adsorption at Pt(111). How accurate are DFT functionals ?

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Table S1. Description of the benchmark set for molecular adsorption on Pt(111).
The table lists the integral adsorption energy calculated from the experimental data, at the selected coverage. Mode: M: molecular chemisorption, D: dissociative chemisorption, R: reaction as indicated ((g) is for gas phase, (a) for adsorbed species)
INTF : integration of a fit function provided in ref

INTC : manual integration on the plot of E vs coverage in ref

Molecule / reaction	Exp method	Mode	Coverage for E calc	Energy(eV)	tool	ref
C ₂ H ₄ (g) gives CCH ₃ (a) + H(a)	SCAC	R	1/9 ML	1.36	INTC	1 ^(#)
Cyclohexene	SCAC	M	1/9 ML	1.273	INTF	2
c-C ₆ H ₁₀ (g) gives c-C ₆ H ₉ (a) + H(a)	SCAC	R	1/9 ML	1.433	INTF	2
Benzene	SCAC	M	1/9 ML	1.72 (1.66)	INTF	3 (4)
Naphthalene	SCAC	M	1/16 ML	2.763	INTF	5
Methane	TPD	M	1/9 ML	0.181	INTF	6
Ethane	TPD	M	1/9ML	0.331	INTF	6
½(H ₂ gas)	Low energy recoil scatt	D	1/9 ML ^(‡)	0.39 ± 0.02	INTC	7
½(H ₂ gas)	Nuclear micro-analysis	D	1/9 ML ^(‡)	0.347 ± 0.04	INTC	8
CO ads	SCAC	M	1/9 ML	1.29 (1.31) 1.29	INTC (INTF) INTC	1 ^(#) 4 9
½ (O ₂ gas)	SCAC	D	1/9 ML	1.10	INTC	10 ^(#)
½ (O ₂ gas)	SCAC	D	1/9 ML	1.08	INTF	11

(‡) adsorption energy is constant between 0 and 0.33 ML. (#) Published data incorrect due to wrong reflectivity of Pt(111). Scale factor of 0.7059 applied here.

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Table S2. Adsorption energies (in eV) for various systems and density functional approximations as well as the experimental reference value when available. All calculations were conducted with a slab of 6 layers in a 3x3 supercell except for the adsorption of naphthalene where a 4x4 supercell was used.

Kpts	System	PBE	optPBE	optB86b	BEEF	PBE-dDsC	dDsC ^(a)	Exp
7x7x1	Ethylene	-1.21	-1.44	-1.73	-1.12	-1.51	-0.33	NA
7x7x1	Ethylidyne+H	-1.74	-1.75	-2.15	-1.43	-1.99	-0.28	-1.36
7x7x1	Butene cis	-0.93	-1.52	-1.85	-1.05	-1.51	-0.61	NA
7x7x1	Butene trans	-0.93	-1.53	-1.86	-1.06	-1.51	-0.61	NA
7x7x1	Cyclohexene (boat down)	-0.69	-1.31	-1.62	-0.90			
7x7x1	Cyclohexene (chair trans)	-0.74	-1.37	-1.69	-0.69			
7x7x1	Cyclohexene (chair cis)	-0.75	-1.45	-1.80	-0.95			
7x7x1	Cyclohexene (boat up)	-0.84	-1.51	-1.84	-1.03			
9x9x1	Cyclohexene (boat up)	-0.84	-1.51	-1.83	-1.04	-1.50	-0.66	-1.27
7x7x1	C ₆ H ₉ +H	-1.00	-1.63	-2.18	-0.97	-1.73	-0.74	-1.43
9x9x1	C ₆ H ₉ +H	-1.01	-1.63	-2.18	-0.98	-1.73	-0.74	-1.43
5x5x1	Butadiene (cis 1,2 di- σ , 3,4 π)	-1.57	-1.99	-2.49	-1.50			
5x5x1	Butadiene (di σ)	-1.00	-1.51	NA	-1.33			
5x5x1	Butadiene(tetra σ)	-1.82	-2.23	-2.78	-1.71			
7x7x1	Butadiene(tetra σ)	--1.89	-2.30	-2.86	-1.75	-2.43	-0.58	NA
9x9x1	Butadiene(tetra σ)	-1.89	-2.30	-2.86	-1.76			NA
7x7x1	Benzene bri30	-1.12	-1.65	-2.34	-1.03	-1.76	-0.71	-1.72
9x9x1	Benzene bri30	-1.12	-1.65	-2.34	-1.04	-1.76	-0.69	-1.72
11x11x1	Benzene bri30	-1.13	-1.66	-2.35	-1.05	-1.76	-0.68	-1.72
11x11x1	Benzene hcp0	-0.86	-1.40	-2.05	-0.82			
7x7x1	Naphthalene ^(b)	-1.48	-2.32	-3.42	-1.41	-2.57	-1.18	-2.76
9x9x1	Naphthalene ^(b)	-1.46	-2.30	-3.39	-1.39	-2.51	-1.14	-2.76
7x7x1	Methane	-0.01	-0.23	-0.21	-0.12	-0.17	-0.10	-0.18
7x7x1	Ethane	-0.03	-0.36	-0.39	-0.22	-0.32	-0.28	-0.33
7x7x1	Hydrogen, fcc site	-0.52	-0.38	-0.50	-0.27	-0.55	-0.05	-0.37
7x7x1	Hydrogen, top site	-0.48	-0.42	-0.50	-0.30	-0.52	-0.06	NA
7x7x1	CO (top)	-1.71	-1.68	-1.87	-1.49	-1.86	-0.16	-1.29
7x7x1	O (fcc)	-1.29	-1.43	-1.50	-1.15	-1.32	-0.07	-1.10

(a) Contribution of the dispersion correction dDsC to the adsorption energy. (b) 4x4 supercell.

Figure S1. Adsorption geometries with characteristic distances indicated. See Table S3 for more details. a: ethylene C_2H_4 , b: ethylidyne CCH_3 and one H, c: trans 2-butene C_4H_8 , d: cyclohexene C_6H_{10} boat up, e: C_6H_9 and one H, f: butadiene C_4H_6 , g: benzene C_6H_6 , h: naphthalene $C_{10}H_8$, i: methane CH_4 , j: ethane C_2H_6 , k: H atom in fcc position, l: CO, m: O atom.

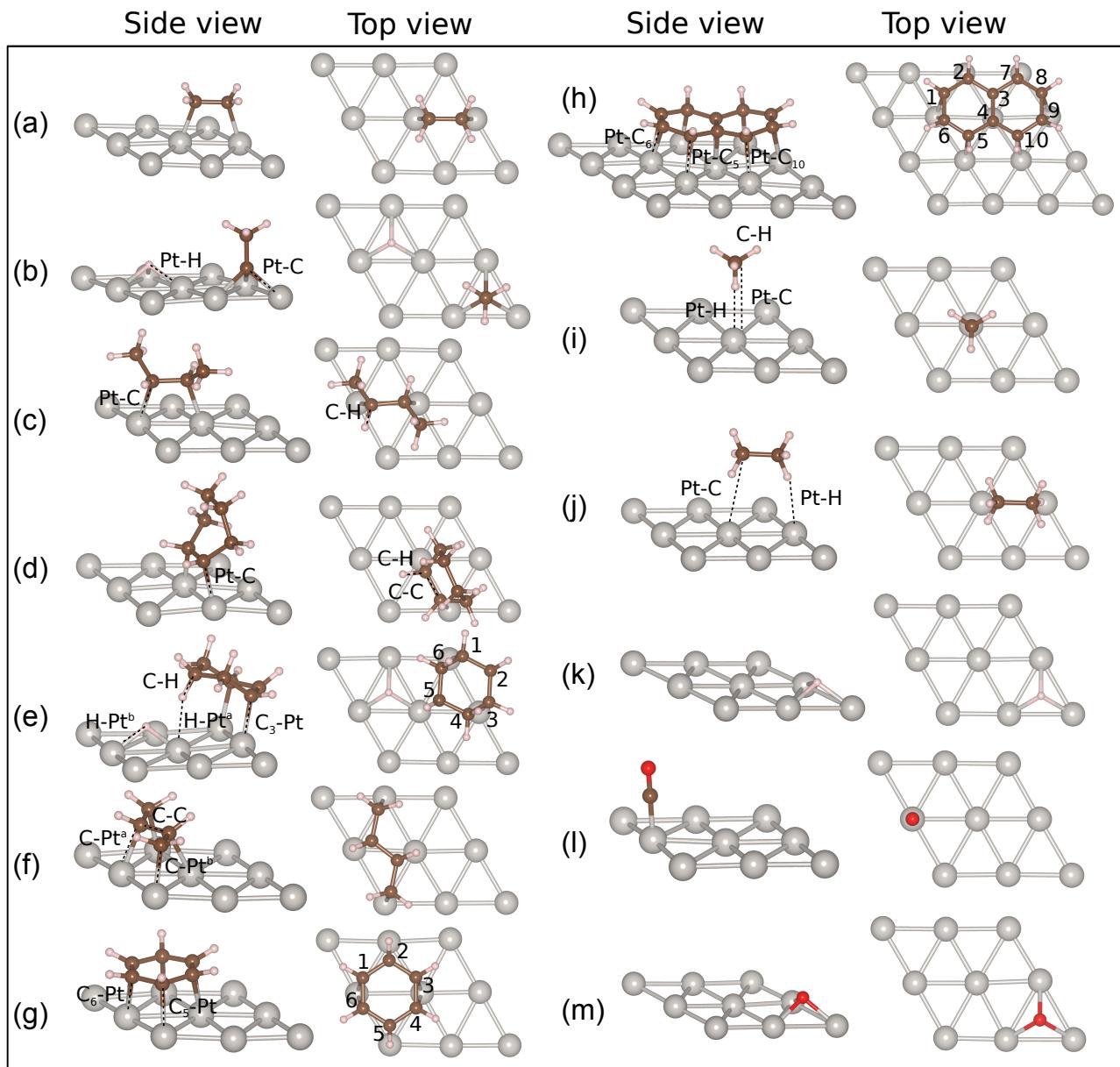


Table S3: Characteristic distances (in Å) for various considered systems.

System	Ethylene			System	Ethyldyne+H		
Distances	Pt-C	C-C	C-H	Distances	Pt-C	C-C	Pt-H
PBE	2.110	1.489	1.097	PBE	2.013	1.491	1.862
optPBE-vdW	2.127	1.491	1.097	optPBE-vdW	2.022	1.496	1.876
optB86b-vdW	2.111	1.49	1.1	optB86b-vdW	2.013	1.488	1.871
BEEF-vdW	2.121	1.487	1.091	BEEF-vdW	2.012	1.496	1.865
PBE-dDsC	2.107	1.487	1.097	PBE-dDsC	2.011	1.488	1.86

System	Butene trans		
Distances	Pt-C	C-C	C-H
PBE	2.120	1.506	1.102
optPBE-vdW	2.133	1.509	1.101
optB86b-vdW	2.117	1.506	1.105
BEEF-vdW	2.127	1.506	1.095
PBE-dDsC	2.117	1.503	1.101

System	Cyclohexene		
Distances	Pt-C	C-C	C-H
PBE	2.126	1.504	1.102
optPBE-vdW	2.138	1.510	1.102
optB86b-vdW	2.120	1.507	1.106
BEEF-vdW	2.131	1.506	1.096
PBE-dDsC	2.120	1.503	1.101

System	C ₆ H ₉ +H										
Distances	C ₁ C ₂	C ₂ C ₃	C ₃ C ₄	C ₄ C ₅	C ₅ C ₆	C ₆ C ₁	H-Pt ^a	H-Pt ^b	C ₂ -Pt	C ₃ -Pt	C-H
PBE	1.496	1.497	1.526	1.522	1.523	1.527	4.089	1.848	2.153	3.081	1.101
optPBE-vdW	1.500	1.500	1.532	1.528	1.529	1.534	4.084	1.854	2.176	3.09	1.102
optB86b-vdW	1.498	1.498	1.526	1.522	1.523	1.527	4.002	1.842	2.152	3.062	1.104
BEEF-vdW	1.496	1.496	1.529	1.525	1.526	1.531	4.135	1.846	2.164	3.09	1.096
PBE-dDsC	1.494	1.494	1.522	1.519	1.519	1.524	4.032	1.847	2.15	3.067	1.1

System	Butadiene		
Distances	C-C	C-Pt-a	C-Pt-b
PBE	1.486	2.159	2.097
optPBE-vdW	1.489	2.181	2.112
optB86b-vdW	1.487	2.16	2.097
BEEF-vdW	1.485	2.174	2.106
PBE-dDsC	1.484	2.156	2.094

System	Benzene								
Distances	C ₁ C ₂	C ₂ C ₃	C ₃ C ₄	C ₄ C ₅	C ₅ C ₆	C ₆ C ₁	Pt-C ₅	Pt-C ₁	Pt-C ₆
PBE	1.474	1.474	1.435	1.473	1.473	1.435	2.158	2.197	2.189
optPBE	1.476	1.475	1.433	1.475	1.475	1.433	2.181	2.23	2.223
optB86b	1.474	1.474	1.435	1.474	1.474	1.435	2.16	2.203	2.194
BEEF	1.472	1.472	1.431	1.472	1.472	1.431	2.173	2.219	2.21
PBE-dDsC	1.472	1.471	1.433	1.471	1.471	1.434	2.156	2.193	2.186

System	Naphthalene										
Distances	C ₁ C ₂	C ₂ C ₃	C ₃ C ₄	C ₄ C ₅	C ₅ C ₆	C ₆ C ₁	C ₃ C ₇	C ₇ C ₈	C ₈ C ₉	C ₉ C ₁₀	C ₁₀ C ₄
PBE	1.469	1.485	1.454	1.485	1.469	1.428	1.485	1.469	1.428	1.469	1.484
optPBE	1.471	1.486	1.452	1.487	1.47	1.425	1.486	1.47	1.425	1.471	1.487
optB86b	1.470	1.484	1.452	1.485	1.469	1.427	1.485	1.47	1.427	1.469	1.485
BEEF	1.467	1.483	1.452	1.483	1.466	1.423	1.483	1.467	1.423	1.467	1.483
PBE-dDsC	1.467	1.482	1.452	1.482	1.467	1.427	1.482	1.467	1.427	1.467	1.482
System	Naphthalene										
Distances	Pt-C ₁	Pt-C ₆	C ₅ -Pt	C ₁₀ -Pt							
PBE	2.225	2.215	2.221	2.138							
optPBE	2.272	2.256	2.261	2.158							
optB86b	2.234	2.222	2.229	2.139							
BEEF	2.256	2.246	2.242	2.153							
PBE-dDsC	2.223	2.213	2.217	2.136							

System	Methane			System	Ethane		
Distances	Pt-C	C-H	Pt-H	Distances	Pt-C	C-C	Pt-H
PBE	3.809	1.102	2.713	PBE	3.86	1.525	2.68
optPBE-vdW	3.702	1.103	2.606	optPBE-vdW	3.628	1.53	2.496
optB86b-vdW	3.416	1.113	2.307	optB86b-vdW	3.465	1.522	2.232
BEEF-vdW	3.806	1.093	2.719	BEEF-vdW	3.865	1.528	2.721
PBE-dDsC	3.867	1.096	2.766	PBE-dDsC	3.874	1.522	2.484

System	Hydrogen		O	CO	
Distances	Pt-H		Pt-O	Pt-C	C-O
PBE		1.868	2.040	1.841	1.157
optPBE-vdW		1.878	2.050	1.853	1.157
optB86b-vdW		1.872	2.038	1.845	1.156
BEEF-vdW		1.869	2.051	1.85	1.156
PBE-dDsC		1.861	2.040	1.84	1.157